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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

**SUBJECT: Captured German (Tombach) Documents -
Proposed Transfer to CIA**

1. Reference your memorandum, same subject, dated 26 January (Serial 0517732), the Central Intelligence Agency is interested in having access to the Tombach files, in order to exploit certain parts of the collection for intelligence purposes.
2. Since the majority of the Tombach documents are believed to be of naval historical interest, it is felt that Central Intelligence Agency should not assume permanent custody or responsibility for final disposition of the material.
3. The Central Intelligence Agency would be glad to receive the files on indefinite loan, for whatever intelligence exploitation this agency deems necessary in the interests of national security, and for processing to the extent permitted by other commitments.
4. After completion of such exploitation, the files would be returned to the Office of Naval Intelligence or to any designated office of the Department of the Navy for final disposal.
5. If this proposal meets with your approval, the transfer of the files will be arranged at your convenience. If not, some mutually satisfactory arrangement may be worked out by further consultation on the subject.

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E. H. MILLER
Rear Admiral
Director, Central Intelligence

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